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Details

25 minutes??Dame Roma Mitchell was born at Quambi Hospital in Adelaide. Her father was a solicitor and was killed in World War I when Dame Roma was 4 years old. She was brought up in an all female household. She attended St Aloysius College in Angas Street and then did law at university receiving her degree in 1934. Appointed a QC in 1962 and went on the bench between 1965 and 1983. Became Chairman of the Commonwealth Human Rights Commission in 1981, was on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Social Security stopping of payments to the Greeks, National Chairman of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, National President of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation Association and Chancellor of the University of Adelaide. She was the first woman judge in Australia, Mary Kitson was the first woman admitted to practice in 1918 and Dorothy Somerville was admitted in 1922. Women in professions. Joining the Lyceum Club. Dame Roma was the first woman Chancellor of a university in Australia. Future of the Lyceum Club

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